

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.10  
(ID # 26054)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

**FROM :** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Ratify Proclamation of Local Emergency in Riverside County Due To The Airport Fire. All Districts. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-213 to ratify the proclamation of Local Emergency as declared by the Director of Emergency Services.

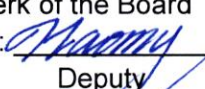
**ACTION:**

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Spiegel  
Date: September 17, 2024  
xc: EMD

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	<b>No</b>
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>24/25</b>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Airport Fire has burned 22,376 acres in Orange and Riverside Counties with zero percent containment causing the evacuation of 7,500 homes encompassing a population 24,000 County residents in the Communities of De Luz, El Cariso Village, Rancho Capistrano, Lakeland Village, La Cresta, Temescal Valley and the, City of Lake Elsinore; and, conditions of imminent threat of impending emergency or disaster, posing risk of extreme peril, loss of life, safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Riverside caused by damaging impacts of the Airport Fire.

The County has implemented emergency protective measures to the public by controlling traffic, prohibiting ingress and egress into affected areas due to conditions considered dangerous to lives and property. The extreme danger to lives and property necessitated the establishment of emergency facilities, such as the activation of the County and Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC), activation of the City of Lake Elsinore (EOC), sheltering of individuals including those with access and functional needs, sheltering of family pets and large animals, and activations of School and Special District emergency plans. The conditions of extreme danger have impacted critical infrastructure and necessitated the closing of schools in the impacted areas.

On September 10, 2024, the State of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) program declaration for the Airport Fire burning in Riverside County.

On September 11, 2024, the Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IX, has determined that the Airport Fire threatened such destruction as would constitute a major disaster and the State's request was approved.

It is requested that the Board of Supervisors now adopt Resolution No. 2024-213 to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency as declared by the Director of Emergency Services on the 10th day of September.

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**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

A copy of this proclamation will be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the impacted areas of Riverside County and that the Riverside County Director of Emergency Services and Board of Supervisors are formally requesting all eligible State and Federal financial assistance eligible under Local, State and Federal proclamations including California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Public Assistance and FEMA Individual Assistance programs.

*Rebecca S Cortez*

Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst

9/12/2024

*George Trindle*

George Trindle, Chief ASST COUNTY COUNSEL

9/12/2024



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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-213

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
6 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE RATIFYING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO  
7 AIRPORT FIRE

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9 WHEREAS, County Ordinance No. 533 empowers the Director of Emergency Services of the  
10 County of Riverside to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency when the  
11 County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not  
12 in session, subject to the ratification by the County Board of Supervisors within seven (7) days; and

13 WHEREAS, conditions of imminent threat of impending emergency or disaster, posing risk of  
14 extreme peril, loss of life, safety of persons and property, have arisen within the County of Riverside  
15 caused by damaging impacts of the Airport Fire; and,

16 WHEREAS, the County has implemented emergency protective measures to the public by  
17 controlling traffic, prohibiting ingress and egress into affected areas due to conditions considered  
18 dangerous to lives and property; and,

19 WHEREAS, the extreme danger to lives and property necessitated the establishing of emergency  
20 facilities, such as the activation of the County and Operational Area Emergency Operations Center  
21 (EOC), activation of the City of Like Elsinore EOC, sheltering of individuals including those with access  
22 and functional needs, sheltering of family pets and large animals, and activations of School and Special  
23 District emergency plans; and,

24 WHEREAS, the conditions of extreme danger have impacted critical infrastructure and  
25 necessitated the closing of schools in the impacted areas; and,

26 WHEREAS, On September 10, 2024, the State of California submitted a request for a Fire  
27 Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) program declaration for the Airport Fire burning in Riverside  
28 County; and,

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: *MRC* MELISSA R. CUSHMAN DATE: 9/11/2024

1           WHEREAS, the Regional Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
2 Region IX, has determined that the Airport Fire threatened such destruction as would constitute a major  
3 disaster and the State's request was approved on September 11, 2024; and,

4           WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Riverside did proclaim the  
5 existence of a Local Emergency within said County on the 10th day of September, now, therefore,

6           IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the proclamation of a Local Emergency by  
7 the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Riverside is hereby ratified, and that said Local  
8 Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the County Board  
9 of Supervisors of the County of Riverside.

10           IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded  
11 to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency  
12 throughout the impacted areas of Riverside County, and that the Riverside County Director of Emergency  
13 Services and Board of Supervisors are formally requesting all eligible State and Federal financial  
14 assistance eligible under Local, State and Federal proclamations including California Disaster Assistance  
15 Act (CDAA), FEMA Public Assistance and FEMA Individual Assistance programs.

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18       ROLL CALL:

19       Ayes:       Jeffries, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

20       Nays:       None

21       Absent:     Spiegel

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23       The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said  
24 Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

25       KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

26       By:   
27             Deputy

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Riverside County Ordinance 533.7 empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency when the County Board of Supervisors is not in session, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

1) That at the time of this proclamation the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,  
2) That conditions of imminent threat of impending emergency or disaster, posing risk of extreme peril, loss of life, safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Riverside caused by damaging impacts of the Airport Fire; and,

3) That the Airport Fire has burned 22,376 acres in Orange and Riverside Counties with zero percent containment causing the evacuation of 7,500 homes encompassing a population 24,000 County residents in the Communities of De Luz, El Cáriso Village, Rancho Capistrano, Lakeland Village, La Cresta, Temescal Valley and the City of Lake Elsinore; and,

4) That the County has implemented emergency protective measures to the public by controlling traffic, prohibiting ingress and egress into affected areas due to conditions considered dangerous to lives and property; and,

5) That the extreme danger to lives and property necessitated the establishing of emergency facilities, such as the activation of the County and Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC), activation of the City of Lake Elsinore (EOC), sheltering of individuals including those with access and functional needs, sheltering of family pets and large animals, and activations of School and Special District emergency plans; and,

6) That conditions of extreme danger have impacted critical infrastructure and necessitated the closing of schools in the impacted areas; and,

7) That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a Local Emergency exists throughout the County of Riverside, commencing on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed

1 by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plan of the County of Riverside to mitigate the  
2 effects of said Local Emergency, and

3 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said Local Emergency shall be deemed to  
4 continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the County Board of  
5 Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of  
6 Riverside, and

7 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to  
8 the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency  
9 throughout the impacted areas of Riverside County, and that the Riverside County Director of Emergency  
10 Services and Board of Supervisors are formally requesting all eligible State and Federal financial assistance  
11 eligible under Local, State and Federal proclamations including California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA),  
12 Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Public Assistance and FEMA Individual Assistance programs.

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14 Dated: 9.11.24  
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17 Director of Emergency Services  
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